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To study options to improve and enhance the protection, management, and interpretation of the significant natural and other resources of certain units of the National Park System in northwest Alaska, to implement a pilot program to better accomplish the purposes for which those units were established by providing greater involvement by Alaska Native communities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 9 (legislative day, OCTOBER 2), 1998

Mr. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. REPORT.**

2 Within six months after the date of enactment of this
3 Act, the Secretary of the Interior (“Secretary”) shall sub-
4 mit a report to the Committee on Energy and Natural
5 Resources of the United States Senate and the Committee
6 on Resources of the United States House of Representa-
7 tives—

8 (1) detailing the progress the Department of
9 the Interior has made in the implementation of the
10 provisions of sections 1307 and 1308 of the Alaska
11 National Interest Lands Conservation Act (P. L.
12 96–487, 94 Stat. 2371, 2479–2480, 16 U.S.C.
13 3197, 3198) and the provisions of the Indian Self-
14 Determination and Education Assistance Act (P. L.
15 93–638, 88 Stat. 2203, 25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.) on
16 lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of
17 the Interior in Alaska;

18 (2) including a detailed action plan on the fu-
19 ture implementation of those provisions on such
20 lands;

21 (3) describing, in detail, the measures and ac-
22 tions that will be taken, along with a description of
23 the anticipated results to be achieved during the
24 next three fiscal years; and

25 (4) identifying any laws, rules, regulations and
26 policies which act as a deterrent to hiring Alaska

1 Natives or contracting with Alaska Natives to per-
2 form and conduct activities and programs of agen-
3 cies and bureaus under the jurisdiction of the De-
4 partment of the Interior with respect to activities on
5 lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of
6 the Interior in Alaska.

7 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) In furtherance of the goals of sections 1307 and
9 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation
10 Act and the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination
11 and Education Assistance Act, the Secretary shall—

12 (1) implement pilot programs to employ resi-
13 dents of local communities at the following units of
14 the National Park System located in northwest Alas-
15 ka:

16 (A) Bering Land Bridge National Pre-
17 serve,

18 (B) Cape Krusenstern National Monu-
19 ment,

20 (C) Kobuk Valley National Park, and

21 (D) Noatak National Preserve; and

22 (2) shall report on the results of the programs
23 within one year to the Committee on Energy and
24 Natural Resources of the United States and the

1 Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-
2 atives.

3 (b) In implementing the programs, the Secretary
4 shall consult with the Native Corporations, non-profit or-
5 ganizations, and Tribal entities in the immediate vicinity
6 of such units and shall also, to the extent practicable, in-
7 volve such groups in the development of interpretive mate-
8 rials and the pilot programs relating to such units.

9 (c) The objective of such programs shall be, to the
10 extent possible, to establish cooperative arrangements,
11 thorough contracts or other means, that will allow local
12 communities and residents to assume administrative and
13 management responsibilities for those units, or portions
14 of those units, of the National Park System in a manner
15 that will accomplish the purposes for which the units were
16 established and consistent with policies set forth in the
17 Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535, 16 U.S.C. 1).

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